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Next Meeting.

Place—McComb City, Mississippi.

Time—Friday before the 2nd Sabbath in October, 1892.

Introductory Sermon—J. C. Gadd.

Alternate—J. H. Lane.

MINUTES.

FIRST DAY—Morning Session.

Gloster, Miss., Oct. 9, 1891.

1. The Mississippi Baptist Association met in its Eighty-Fifth Annual Session, with the Galilee Baptist Church, Gloster, Miss., at 10 o'clock A. M.

2. The Introductory sermon having been postponed till 7:30 o'clock to-night, the Association was called to order and engaged in devotional exercises conducted by the Moderator.

3. H. I. Weathersby and Elisha Gardner were appointed reading Clerks.

The Moderator then called the roll of churches and the following churches responded and their delegates were enrolled as follows:

Bethel—A. W. Jones, J. L. Smith

Bethlehem—A. J. Bates, C. D. Causey.

Concord—G. M. Cain, A. P. Ratcliff.

East Fork—H D. Sandifer, T. J. J. Spurlock, E. A. Bates.

Ebenezer—P. P. McCoy, C. A. Young.

Galilee—E. B. McLain, W. W. Brashears, R. A. Campbell, J. P. Hemby.

Hebron—Wiley Hamilton.

Hopewell—D. H. S. Cox, D. D. Rollins.

Liberty—Geo. F. Webb, R. J. Stewart, J. D. Lea.

Mars Hill—T. R. Godbold, J. A. Burris, Elisha Gardner, R. B. Thompson.

McComb City—S. R. Quinn, D. A. Given, G. G. Myers.

Mt. Zion—H. I. Weathersby, W. H. Cain, W. F. Jones.

Mt. Pleasant, Franklin Co.—By letter only.

Mt. Pleasant, Amite Co.—T. J. Wash, Judson Wooley.

Mt. Vernon—W. P. C. Stewart, John Wall.

Mt. Olive—Pink Adams, W. E. Young.

New Hope, Franklin Co.—J. R. Mullins.

New Hope, Amite Co.—By letter only.

New Providence—A. W. Jackson, R. M. Causey.

New Salem—J. F. Porter.

New Zion—J. B. Jenkins, T. H. Marsalis.

Ramah—T. C. Parsons, J. T. Porter.

Sarepta—L. Weatherly, D. A. Thompson.

Siloam—By letter only.

Summit—C. H. Otken.

Zion Hill—K. L. Butler, J. G. Caston, Lem. Parker.

5. On motion of D. H. S. Cox, the Association re-elected the old officers by acclammation.

6. After making some remarks the Moderator declared the Association ready for business.

7. Correspondents were received as follows:

From Mississippi River Association—H. N. Kerr.

" Board of Trustees Mississippi College, and the Southern Baptist Record—J. A. Hackett, D. D.

" Union Association—W. W. Bolls.

" State Convention Board—H. F. Sproles, D. D.

" Carey Association—H. S. Archer.

" Board of Ministerial Education—L. Ball.

" Sunday-school Board of Southern Baptist Convention—W. H. Robert.

8. Petitionary letters were called for; Mt. Olive and Mt. Pleasant churches presented letters asking for membership in this body, which were referred to the following committee to examine into their orthodoxy: W. W. Bolls, C. H. Otken and A. J. Bates.

9. The following brethren were appointed on a committee on Religious Exercises: Geo. F. Webb, J. A. Burris and the delegates from this church.

10. The committee to examine into the orthodoxy of the petitioning churches made the following

REPORT.

We, your committee on Petitionary Letters, would report that we find Mt. Pleasant church sound in the faith, and in every other particular worthy of membership in this Association.

Mt. Olive Baptist Church adopted the articles of faith approved by this body. We, in like manner, report concerning this church that she is worthy of membership in this body.

Respectfully submitted,

C. H. OTKEN,
W. W. BOLLS,
A. J. BATES,
Committee.

The report of the committee was adopted and committee discharged, and the delegates of said churches were received and enrolled above.

11. J. P. Hemby offered and the Association adopted the following

RESOLUTION.

Resolved, That this body meet at 9:30 o'clock A. M., and adjourn at 12 M.; meet at 1 P. M., and adjourn at pleasure.

12. The Association adjourned for one hour, with prayerby W. P. Gardner.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

At 1:30 o'clock P. M., the Association re-assembled and joined in prayer led by D. H. S. Cox.

13. The following

COMMITTEES

were appointed:

On Finance—J. A. Burris, T. J. J. Spurlock, W. P. C. Stewart.

On Publications—D. H. S. Cox, W. W. Brashears, T. R. Godbold.

On Mississippi College—D. H. S. Cox, W. F. Jones, J. F. Porter.

On Sunday-School—H S. Archer, Judson Wooley, A. J. Bates.

On Pastoral Support—G. M. Cain, Judson Wooley, R. M. Causey.

On Ministerial Education—L. Ball, H. I. Weathersby, T. J. Wash.

On Work Among the Negroes—L. Ball, J. B. Jenkins, D. A. Thompson.

On Educational Institutions—C. H. Otken, E. B. McLain, R. A. Campbell.

On Nominations—H. D. Sandifer, Jehu Wall, A. W. Jones.

On Sustentation—Elisha Gardner, K. L. Butler, T. H. Marsalis.

On Temperance—J. A. Hackett, J. R. Mullins, C. D. Causey.

On Plan of Work—Geo. F. Webb, J. B. Jenkins, F. C. Parsons.

On Centennial of Missions—H. F. Sproles, H. N. Kerr, J. G. Caston.

On Obituaries—S. R. Young, Lem Parker, Pink Adams.

On Apportionment—E. T. Smith, J. L. Smith, E. A. Bates.

14. The committee appointed last year to memorialize the Baptist State Convention, reported that they had performed their work and were discharged.

15. The Executive Board made their report which was ordered printed in their minutes.

REPORT.

We, your Executive Board, met with the Mars Hill Church on Nov. 11th, 1890, and organized by electing D. H. S. Cox President, and J. H. Lane, Secretary.

Fourteen churches were represented.

Your Board first considered the necessity of employing a missionary in the Homochitto Valley, whereupon Elder S. H. Thompson was contracted with for the sum of $150.00 for one-fourth of his time, and recommend to the Convention Board for appointment. He has rendered faithful service—organized one church with 14 members in a promising field.

MISS MITTIE COOK.

The education of Miss Mattie Cook was next considered; and she, because of failing health, was forced home with no prospect of returning, consequently the question of her education was indefinitely postponed.

MINISTERIAL STUDENTS.

The education of brethren for the ministry was next considered and brethren M. J. Andrews, Elisha Gardner, Crosby Given and —— Byrd were endorsed as worthy of support, and recommended them to the churches, urging them to assist in this important work.

Prof. S. S. Nettles, President of East Fork College offered it to this Association as a Baptist Institution, which was endorsed as such by your Board, and recommended to the denomination.

Our second meeting was held with the Liberty church on Sept. 22nd, 1891.

Nine churches were represented.

The following amounts have been collected and applied to the various objects fostered by your Board, to-wit:

FROM LOCAL BOARD NO. I.

Liberty church	$17 40
Zion Hill	3 75
Bethel	9 80
Mt. Vernon	11 25
Bethlehem	15

LOCAL BOARD NO. II.

East Fork Church	$66 40
New Providence	34 10

Concord church	12 45
Mars Hill church	100 60
New Hope, (Amite), Amite Co	4 95
Hebron church	17 70

FROM DISTRICT NO. III.

Hopewell	18 60
Total	$298 25

Your Board laments the apathy which characterizes the churches composing this Association in the great work of Missions; and also that many of the churches cannot be gotten to co-operate with your Board, thus our work has been more or less hindered.

We regret that owing to the closeness of money matters, and the many other hindrances, we have been unable to do a more satisfactory work.

Respectfully submitted,

D. H. S. COX, PRESIDENT.

K. L. BUTLER, SECRETARY.

16. C. H. Otken offered and the Association adopted the following

RESOLUTION:

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to report on Daily Bible Reading.

Committee: C. H. Otken, G. M. Cain and A. W. Jones.

17. The report on Ministerial Education was made the special order for 11 o'clock A. M. to-morrow.

18. The report on the Centennial of Missions was made the special order for 1:30 o'clock P. M. to-morrow.

19. C. H. Otken read the

REPORT ON DAILY BIBLE READING.

"Thou shall teach them diligently unto thy children."—Deut. 6:7.

To the Bible we owe whatsoever is permanent and excellent in American civilization. It is the source from which is derived whatsoever is pure and beautiful in social life. To the Bible we are indebted for freedom in religious worship, and to all that is best in civil liberty. Its truths are vital in their relation to the highest interest of the present life, and its gospel message is the expression of infinite love to our fallen race. Hence is solace for every grief, and unerring counsels amid life's checkered and changeful events. Here are found "Wisdom's ways, and all her paths are paths of peace."

The reader who comes to its sacred pages with reverent purpose and earnest yet child-like trust is better prepared for life's duties and responsibilities and mission than he to whom that book is a hidden treasure.

But the Bible is practically a neglected book—its truths, its mercies and its wisdom are unappreciated. This proposition is sadly true of professed Christians. Its matchless value in forming the character of our sons and our daughters is but dimly and imperfectly apprehended. Daily Bible readers are few in our Zion. Samll is the number of our boys and girls who are taught at home to make this Compendium of heavenly Wisdom their daily study and their daily councellor.

Because of these considerations,

1st. We earnestly and affectionately entreat all our members in the churches of this Association to make the daily reading of the Bible a matter of solemn responsibility to God.

2nd. That we entreat all our ministers to preach at least one sermon during the Associational year on Daily Bible reading by the individual members of our churches.

3rd. That our Sundsy-school Superintendents and teachers direct the attention of their pupils to this subject of Daily Bible reading as their privilege and their duty, and as the mightiest agency in the formation of their character upon principles of virtue.

Respectfully submitted,

CHAS. H. OTKEN,
GEO. M. CAIN,
A. W. JONES.

Pending its adoption, the report was discussed by C. H. Otken, W. H. Robert, J. A. Hackett and G. M. Cain, and was adopted.

20. On motion a committee was appointed to whom was referred a memorial from Mt. Zion church.

Committee: S. J. Hodges, S. R. Quinn and W. H. Robert.

21. S. R. Young offered and the Association adopted the following

RESOLUTION:

Resolved, That we endorse the plan to have a Ministerial Institute at some convenient place in the State where the pastors may meet at a convenient time to receive instruction upon the various departments of their work, and that Rev. J. B. Gambrell be requested to make the necessary arrangements for the same.

22. Adjourned with prayer by H. S. Archer.

EVENING SESSION.

23. At 7:30 P. M. the Introductory sermon was

preached by John P. Hemby, from Luke 17:5—"Increase our faith." Theme: The Functions of Faith.

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

24. At 9:30 A. M., the Association came together and engaged in devotional exercises conducted by H. N. Kerr.

25. The minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

26. The committee appointed at last Association on Miss Mattie Cook's education made the following

REPORT.

DEAR BRETHREN:

Owing to the ill health of Miss Mattie Cook, we, your committee, have thought best to discontinue her education. Dr. Bates, her physician, has advised her not to study any more till her health is restored.

She has been in school only a short time since the last meeting of your body, and of course incurred but small expense. We have paid her $7 00, all that we have received from the churches for her education.

Sister Mattie requests us to thank the Association for their liberality and interest in her, and asked the Association to engage in prayer for her speedy restoration to health that she might honor God.

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. LANE,
T. J. J. SPURLOCK,
DR. C. H. BATES.

The committee was discharged.

27. The Treasurer reported having on hand $5 75 for the education of Miss Mattie Cook, and the Association authorized him to turn the same over to her.

28. C. H. Otken read the report on the Educational Institutions within our bounds.

REPORT ON EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS.

Your committee on Baptist Schools within the bounds of this Association, would report the following:

Lea Female, College at Summit, is now in its fifteenth session. It has sent out fifty-eight graduates. It has made a record for thoroughness. Liberty Male and Female College at Liberty has just commenced its fourth session. It is an excellent institution of learning. East Fork College at East Fork. This school is intended for boys and girls. It is a good school. The second session has just begun.

Gillsburg Male and Female Institute, located at Gillsburg. This excellent school has been in operation for ten years. It is filling a useful place in the work of education.

We commend these schools as worthy of the patronage of our brethren.

Respefully submitted,

CHAS. H. OTKEN,
E. B. McLAIN,
R. A. CAMPBELL.

The report was discussed by Geo. F. Webb, C. H. Otken and adopted.

29. The hour having arrived for the special order, L. Ball read the

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

Our work of Ministerial Education is under the fostering care and management of an incorperated Board, composed of nine members and located at Clinton, thus separating it from the Convention Board. This was a necessity, not because there was any friction, but because of the details in the management of it. And further, it was necessary that the Board should be incorporated that it might, in a legal way, receive bequests. This Board has a President, Secretary and Treasurer, all of whom are without remuneration. In this connection, attention is called to the invalidity of bequests of property to religious and educational institutions, so made by the new State Constitution. But the way is open still for that nobler and more scriptural method of giving while living. This Board has no endowment; no share in the endowment of the College; yet some property has been obtained, and other possessions will soon come into hand by which an annual revenue will be derived. The Nelson Cottage has been very helpful, affording a home for eight young ministers who keep house among themselves without servant help. This Cottage was built by one of our consecrated women, and has been largely sustained by her sisters in Christ.

Another source of income is derived from the Dining Hall erected by means of the bequest of Mrs. Manese deceased.

The bequest of the late Brother Kells has been agreed upon between the heirs and Executors, the amount being $6,666.66. We hope soon to receive this.

This organized work of educating our young minis-

ters has been favored of God and of his people from the days of its origin, twenty-three years ago.

The question of an educated ministry no longer lies within the pale of debate. The rapidly increasing tendency to educate the masses, manifesting itself in building up high schools throughout the State. The intelligence of the pulpit must not be inferior to the pew.

When we were 40,000 strong in the State, we were educating about as many as now. The demand for an educated ministry and more ministers has kept pace with the growth of the denomination. The building up of railroads, the organization of churches and the demand of the churches for more of the time of their pastors, not only keep pace with our growth, but has caused a dearth of preachers in the State.

Then, when we were 40,000 strong, we educated as many as now, what could and should 80,000 Baptists do? Brethren, we are in a crisis. The ministry educated at Clinton have largely, very largely, carried the denomination to the fore-front The estimate shows that the Baptists control 50 per cent. of the people of the State. This is attributed by other denominations to the work done in Mississippi College in the education of our ministry. Hence the erection of Milsaps College in Jackson. Bishop Galoway perhaps had no lever equal in the way of incentive to get money for that College as the use made of the work done in our College. There are 160 licentiates in the State. We ought to have at least half of them in College to-day; yea, we have need of them all. Brethren, the Savior said look on the fields already white unto harvest.

What then? Down upon your knees with hearts full of travail implore the Lord of the harvest to send laborers to gather in the sheaves.

We want God-called and God-given men to preach the gospel.

Your committee would not for a moment reflect upon or disparage the work done and being done by men who are considered uneducated. They and their work are to be revered and honored. God bless them, they have laid the foundation on which we build. There is a place for them, and still a work for them to do.

Now, brethren, will we meet the demand upon us and educate our coming ministry? It is not a question of ability, but of will, if a question is involved

May the Lord help us to do our duty.

Respectfully submitted,

L. BALL,
H. I. WEATHERSBY,
T. J. WASH.

The report was discussed by L. Ball and H. F. Sproles, and pending its adoption a collection was taken in cash and try pledges as follows:

CHURCHES:

Concord	$15 00	McComb City	$25 00
East Fork	50 00	Mt. Zion	25 00
Galilee	15 00	Mt. Vernon	10 00
Hopewell	25 00	New Hope, Frnkln	10 00
Liberty	15 00	Ramah	5 00
Mars Hill	25 00	Summit	15 00

INDIVIDUALS.

C. D. Causey	2 50	R. A. Campbell & w'd	2 50
W. A. Lea	2 50		

Total $242 50

30. Adjourned with prayer by L. Ball.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

31. At 1:30 the Association re-assembled and was lead in prayer by Crosley Given.

32. The letter from Ebenezer church was read and her delegates were enrolled in the list of delegates.

33. A corresponding letter from the Homochitto Colored Baptist Association was read and her messengers received.

34. The Association having adjourned pending the adoption of the report on Ministerial Education, the report was taken up and adopted.

35. It now being time for the special order, H. F. Sproles read the

REPORT ON CENTENNIAL OF MISSIONS.

On the last day of May, 1792, William Carey, a pious cobler and consecrated minister of the Gospel, preached a great sermon on Missions at Kettering, England, which excited a deep interest in, and awakened a sense of responsibility for the perishing heathen. This was the beginning of the modern missionary enterprise.

In order to increase this interest, to quicken zeal, to encourage systematic effort and prayer for the evangelization of the world, Baptists propose to celebrate that great event.

Meetings will be held in 1892 at Kettering, by the English Baptists, at Philadelphia by the Northern Baptists, and at Louisville by the Southern Baptists.

Glance at the field in the beginning of this Missionary Century. China was hermetically sealed. It was death to preach the Gospel in Japan. India was closed

against all missionaries; even Carey had to seek shelter on a little plot of ground owned by a foreign power. South America was tabooed by Romanism. Asia Minor was inaccessible. Mohammedanism stood in its pride and independence. The difficulties of Africa deterred the most adventurous. Only the inhabitants of the enervating islands of the South Seas and those of the Polar regions were accessible. Then there was but little interest. Everything was new and strange. Languages had to be learned and clothed in the forms of written speech. The Word of God had to be translated into these newly formed languages. The laborers were few, untrained and unexperienced. There were no native helpers. How different are the conditions of the Mission fields now. The whole world is open to Missionary enterprise. Thibet is probably an exception, but even into that country the Moravians have entered with the Gospel. There are 7,000 European and American missionaries at work, and half of these are ordained ministers, and they are acquainted with something like 400 languages, or distinct dialects. There are 30,000 native evangelists, 3.000 of whom are educated native pastors, placed over congregations of their countrymen. There are over 3,000,000 of converts, witnesses for Christ, in the midst of their countrymen. Soon the Word of God will be translated into every language of the earth. The whole world is now at our door. It is only a few weeks easy travel by land or sea to reach the most distant parts. By post and telegraph we know daily what takes place in the most remote regions. We seem to hear the sounds of sorrow and woe in the dark places of the earth, and feel the anxious

beating of the hearts of millions of the world's inhabitants, who are ignorant of God and Christ.

Among these laborers in foreign fields, Northern Baptists have 364 ordained missionaries, 234 of whom are natives; 626 ordained native preachers; 216 women from America. These work in 68 principal stations and 1322 out stations. Southern Baptists have 86 missionaries, 103 native helpers working with 74 churches in 38 main stations, and 164 out stations. Among these missionaries are 8 men and 8 women from Mississippi.

In the Southern States our Home Mission Board has 406 missionaries working in 1,231 churches and stations, among the whites, Negroes, Indians and the foreign population. In Mississippi, our Convention Board has 58 missionaries, who, during tne past year baptized 418 converts, organized 12 churches and 29 Sunday-schools, built 24 houses of worship and repaired 4.

In the last century there has been a great increase of knowledge and numbers and wealth. We have prayed for open doors and for men to enter them, and God has heard our supplications. We are now praying for consecrated wealth and God is moving the people to respond. But the men and the money to support them are not equal to the demands. We cannot even answer the cries of those who appeal to us for the Gospel. What are 7,000 missionaries and 30,000 native evangelists to 750,000,000 of heathens who are without the Gospel; and 250,000,000 Baptists and 200,000 Mohammedans! Look at this picture drawn by Brother Tatum, one of our Missionaries to China: "Suppose the United States were heathen, and Europe should establish

missions in Boston, in New York and New Orleans, with a few out stations in the States adjacent to these cities, what would that be to the 60,000,000 souls of the continent? What are missions in Tung Chow, Shanghai and Canton doing for the 500,000,000 of the Chinese empire?" This comparison will help us to see the destitution. The call and prayer is now going up over the Christianized world for 1,000 missionaries for China alone. The Southern Baptist Convention proposes to send 100 new missionaries in the foreign fields next year. There are several things essential to the accomplishment of this purpose:

1. The people must be educated. The press and the pastors must give information. "Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields, for they are white already to harvest." If Christian men see this crowded, ripe, golden and perishing grain, surely they will be moved either to enter or to send some one into the fields ready for the reaper.

2. We need regular, systematic and proportionate giving among all our churches from a sense of duty. Rich individuals and churches should be induced to become responsible for the support of the missionaries. The poor should be encouraged to give their mites regularly. Children should be taught and trained in Missionary work. Everybody should learn that our Lord estimates the value of a gift not by the amount which one gives, but by that which keeps, and by the spirit which prompts the gift.

3. All our people, as never before, should pray earnestly, regularly, privately and unitedly for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon our churches at home and

abroad, upon all our pastors and missionaries. The Holy Spirit in answer to prayer is essential to success. Let us pray for men to enter the field, for larger gifts for their sustenance, and for the blessing of God upon their work.

It is recommended that the Executive Board be requested to hold or arrange for missionary and Sunday School meetings at accessible points in the Association for prayer on behalf of our work, and for discussion of appropriate subjects.

We urge every pastor in the Association to inform himself and instruct his people upon the progress and the outlook of the missionary work at home and abroad and to give an opportunity to every member to contribute to the extention of our Adorable Redeemer's Kingdom.

For information concerning Foreign Missions, and for appropriate literature, send to Rev. B. D. Gray, D. D., Hazlehurst. Rev. E. B. Miller, Grenada, will give information as to the work of Home Missions. Rev. A. A. Lomax, Hazlehurt, concerning Sunday School work. Rev. J. T. Christian, D. D., Jackson, will tell all who are willing to hear everything about State Missions. The Woman's Missionary, and the Children's Sunbeam Societies, can get all needed help from Mrs. Adelia M. Hillman, Clinton.

Subscribe, read and circulate Foreign Mission Journal, Richmond, Va.; Our Home Field, Atlantn, Ga., the Baptist Basket, Louisville, Ky.; and the Convention Board Quarterly, Jackson, Miss.

H. F. SPROLES,
H. N KERR,
J. G. CASTON.

Addresses were made by W. H. Robert, J. A. Hackett, H. F. Sproles, L. Ball, C. H. Otken and S. R. Young, and the report was adopted.

36. On motion of D. H. S. Cox, the resolution fixing the time of meeting and adjourning was so amended as to adjourn this body at 4 o'clock P. M. each day.

37. The time of adjourning this afternoon was extended 10 minutes.

38. On motion, it was agreed to hold a business session to-night at 7:30 o'clock.

39. The committee on Religious Exercises made the following

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

At 9:30 A. M. to-morrow, Sunday School mass meeting, conducted by D. H. S. Cox.

At 11 A. M., preaching at the Baptist church by H. F. Sproles; at the Presbyterian church by L. Ball; at the Methodist church by J. P. Hemby; and at the Colored Baptist church by W. H. Robert.

At 2 o'clock P. M., preaching at the Baptist church by J. A. Hackett.

At 7:30 o'clock P. M., preaching at the Baptist church by C. H. Otken; at the Presbyterian church by D. H. S. Cox; and the Methodist church by Elisha Gardner.

GEO. F. WEBB, Chm. Com.

40. Adjourned with prayer by J. A. Hackett.

EVENING SESSION.

41. At 7:30 P. M., the Association convened and was lead in prayer by A. J. Going.

42. J. A. Hacket read the

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

Temperance in its etimological sense means moderation; but when applied to intoxicating spirits it has come to mean total abstinence both as to its manufacture and use; except as it relates to medicinal and mechanical uses. The effort to suppress the manufacture and use of intoxicating liquors has taken on this extreme phase and assumed this radically hostile attitude because of the great and growing evil of the liquor habit, and the dangerous assumption and menaces of the liquor traffic.

The proof that the traffic is an uncontrolable evil is seen in the fact that it continues to increase in volume, power and destructive results despite all the efforts of its friends and foes to limit or restrain it.

It is being conceded more and more that the only safety from its devastating ravages is to be found in its utter suppression.

This we believe should be sought after by all who value the peace of society and the permanancy of good government.

To effect this, in our opinion, we should use all of the legitimate means in our power, and to this end we urge

1st. That we rigidly practice total abstinance, and that we teach and enforce it in our families and in our business.

2nd. That we teach our children, and others as we have opportunity, the evil hygienic effects of alcohol on the human system, and that we do what we can to have the same taught in all of our public and private schools.

3rd. That our pastors, ministers and all teachers of the people exert themselves in all reasonable ways in

the exercise of their calling to instruct the people concerning the evil of this habit and traffic, and the necessity for its suppression as a measure of safety to all of our goodly institutions; and if possible, to deepen where it is, and create where it is not, a profound sentiment of hostility against it.

4th. That our churches exercise their powers of discipline in such ways as will utterly discountenance the use of, or traffic in ardent spirits by any of their members, or encouragement of such traffic by said members.

5th. That our people use all of the powers of our citizenship at all proper times, ways and places in accordance with our christian duties and citizen's obligations to rid our country of this stupendous and still growing evil; and,

6th. That we earnestly pray God to help us to do all these things in His fear and service, and that He hasten the day of extinction of the wicked liquor habit and traffic in our goodly land.

J. A. HACKETT,
C. D. CAUSEY,
J. R. MULLINS.

The report was discussed by J. A. Hackett, W. H. Robert, C. H. Otken and L. Ball, and adopted.

43. Geo. F. Webb read the

REPORT ON PLAN OF WORK.

The committee on Plan of Work beg leave to report as follows:

1st. We approue of the districting of the territory of this Association, and recommend that the districts as established at the last meeting of this body remain through the present Associational year, and that the

Executive Board of this body continue their work under the same regulation that governed their actions through the past year.

2nd. That special effort be made by the Executive Board to further the work of missions, and all other interests now being fostered by our denomination, commencing within the general range of committee work.

3rd. That we emphasize the importance of a full attendance at both district and general meetings of this Board—the district meetings quarterly, and the Parent Board.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. F. WEBB,
J. B. JENKINS,
F. C. PARSONS.

Geo. F. Webb, S. H. Thompson, H. F. Sproles and C. H. Otken discussed the report and it was adopted.

44. S. R. Young read, and the Association adopted the following

REPORT ON OBITUARIES.

Your committee on Obituaries beg leave to report the following:

Many of our worthy brethren and sisters have passed away since last we met, but, as only a few of the names are given we can give only the number which is 31, and since we have hope that they passed within the pearly gates we submit ourselves to the kind providences of God, and ask him to comfort the bereaved with the fact that they are not dead but sleeping sweetly in the arms of Jesus.

Respectfully submitted,

S. R. YOUNG, Chm.

45. G. M. Cain read the

REPORT ON PASTORAL SUPPORT.

Your committee on Pastoral Support would report: That the question of supporting the pastor has been discussed and rediscussed in churches and Associations, yet we find this to be a trouble in nearly all our churches, at least to some extent. The causes lie in negligence and unwillingness on the part of the membership, and the want of prompt action on the part of our deacons. If the deacons would act promptly, and in the spirit of our Master, much of the negligence and unwillingness of the members would soon be removed. They should be able to give a Scriptural reason for asking their brethren to support the minister.

We, therefore, advise the deacons and brethren to study 1st Cor. 9th chapter, 2nd Cor. 11:9., Phil. 4:10 to 18. By studying these scriptures and adopting a regular system in the churches would, in our opinion, to a great extent, remedy the troubles complained of.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

GEO. M. CAIN,
R. M. CAUSEY,
A. J. WOOLEY.

G. M. Cain and J. A. Hackett spoke to the report and it was adopted.

46. Adjourned with prayer by S. S. Nettles.

SABBATH EXERCISES.

Divine services were held in the Baptist, Presbyterian and Methodist churches according to the arrangement of the committee on Religious Exercises, and collections in cash subscriptions were taken as follows:

For Missions (Cash)	$ 6 70
For the Jackson, (Miss.) church, (cash and Sub.)	102 00
For Ministerial Education, (Cash.)	14 10

THIRD DAY—MORNING SESSION.

47. The Association assembled at 9:30 A. M. and was lead in prayer by Geo. F. Webb.

48. The minutes of the previous day were read and approved.

49. On motion the speeches during the remainder of the session were limited to 10 minutes.

50. H. S. Archer read the

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

There is no branch of Christian work more encouraging to the denomination in its results; and more general in its opportunities, or more fruitful to all Christians than the Sunday-schools.

Your committee entertain the conviction that this Association has not given that attention to this work within its bounds that its importance demands. A large proportion of our people are shamefully uninterested upon the subject and work of Sunday-schools. This is true all along the line. As an evidence of the facts in this matter, the statisticts will show. We have in this State 48 Associations; 1183 churches with a membership of 83,532; and 317 Sunday-schools. These figures show the positive and shameful neglect of our people and churches in organizing, working in and reporting their Sunday-schools to the Associations, and these to the State Convention. Let us see the history

we are making for future generations by our negligence upon this line. According to these statistics we have six and a fraction Sunday-schools to each Association in the State; and only about 1-5 of our churches have Sunday-schools at all. This is the history we are making for future generations.

With these facts before us, your committee recommend that some measures be adopted to largely increase the interest in our churches, and multiply the number and benefits of Sunday-schools in our Association.

That this desired end may be obtained, your committee would suggest that a Sunday-school missionary be employed who shall travel in the interest of Sunday-schools, preach and sell denominational literature within the limits of this Association.

Resolved, That each church in the Association be requested to report their Sunday-schools, number of pupils, their prospects, &c., in their letters to the Association.

Respectfully submitted,

H. S. ARCHER,
A. J. BATES,
A. J. WOOLEY.

The report was discussed by W. H. Robert, H. S. Archer, J. P. Hemby and S. R. Young, and pending its adoption, it was ascertained that there are 22 Sunday-schools within the bounds of this Association. The report was adopted.

51. L. Ball read the

REPORT ON WORK AMONG THE COLORED PEOPLE.

This work is peculiar and somewhat difficult. It is not strictly a missionary work such as the condition of

the heathen demands. None of them are so situated as that they cannot hear such preaching as they furnish for themselves. Their knowledge of the gospel is necessarily imperfect. They have need to be taught more perfectly the plan of salvation. They need development generally. They need that their minds be disabused as to the teaching of the Holy Spirit and superstition. They are teachable, and many of them desire to be taught. Oral instruction is the most successful way to teach those who cannot read, and especially those who were slaves. Those who are really intelligent take a right interpretation of the scriptures and endorse a correct standard of morals. The unintelligent who attempt to lead and teach do not do so readily. Many of them are corrupt and rather defend their habirs of corruption. We owe them a large debt of service.

The regulation of slavery have had much to do with strongly fixing their worst sins upon them. We recommend that pastors preach to them as often as possible; and that religious papers and tracts, and Sunday-school literature be preserved and distributed among them. Much patience and perseverance must be exercised on our part. To supply their need may require the work of centuries.

L. BALL, Ch'm.

The report was adopted without discussion.

52. H. D. Sandifer read the report

ON NOMINATIONS.

Your Committee on Nominations would recommend the following Executive Board for the ensuing year: Bethel, J. M. Smith; Bethlehem, A. J. Bates; Concord,

G. M. Cain; East Fork, W. M. Robinson; Ebernezer, C. A. Young; Galilee, W. W. Brashears; Hebron, D. M. McMillan; Hopewell, D. D. Rollins; Liberty, Geo. F. Webb; Mars Hill. M. H. Martin; McComb City, S. R. Quinn; Mt. Zion, W. H. Cain; Mt. Pleasant, Amite county, Judson Wooley; Mt. Pleasant, Franklin county, James Seymore; Mt. Vernon, W. P. Stewart; Mt. Olive, E. H. Westbrook; New Hope, Franklin county, J. D. Cranfield; New Hope, Amite county, Willie Anderson; New Providence, W. I. Causey; New Salem, S. T Barfoot; New Zion, J. B. Jenkins; Ramah, F. C. Parsons; Sarepta, D. A. Thompson; Siloam, J. R. East; Summit, W. Smith; Zion Hill, Lem. Parker.

To preach the Intrductory Sermon, J. C. Gadd; alternate, J. H. Lane.

Place of next meeting; McComb City.

Respectfully submitted,

H. D. SANDIFER,
A. W. JONES,
J. G. WALL.

The report was adopted.

53. T. H. Marsalis read the

REPORT ON SUSTENTATION.

Being impressed with the duty of supporting agep and infirm ministers, your Committee on Sustentation would urge the churches to contribute to their support.

We beg leave also to remind the Association that there is a balance of $16.95 due Elder Peter Turner, and $42.50 due Elder W. H. Tucker.

We recommend that the members of the Executive Board and ministers be requested to bring this matter

before their churches, and that their contributions be forwarded to the Treasurer.

Respectfully submitted,

ELISHA GARDNER, Chm'n.

The report was adopted.

54. E. T. Smith read the

REPORT ON APPORTIONMENT.

We your Committee on Apportionment report the following:

In our opinion the churches should raise the following amounts during the year for the various objects fostered by this Association to-wit:

Bethel	$ 15 00	Mt. Pleasant, Amite,	$ 5 00
Bethlehem,	15 00	New Hope Franklin,	15 00
Concord,	25 00	New Hope, Amite	10 00
East Fork,	100 00	New Providence,	100 00
Ebenezer,	80 00	New Salem,	15 00
Galilee,	150 00	New Zion,	40 00
Hebron,	20 00	Ramah,	50 00
Hopewell,	50 00	Sarepta,	25 00
Liberty,	60 00	Siloam,	10 00
Mars Hill,	100 00	Summit,	75 00
McComb City,	75 00	Zion Hill,	75 00
Mt. Zion,	100 00	Mt. Olive,	20 00
Mt. Pleasant, Franklin	15 00	Mt. Vernon,	50 00

Respectfully submitted,

E. T. SMITH,
J. M. SMITH,
E. A. BATES.

The report was discussed by C. H. Otken, W. H. Robert, J. P. Hemby and L. Ball, and adopted.

55. D. H. S. Cox read the

REPORT ON PUBLICATIONS.

Your Committee recognize the fact that there are two great agencies employed for the spread of christianity—the preaching of the Word, and the circulation of wholesome religious literature.

We have a vast amount of such printed matter, and it is with profound thankfulness that we are able to say that such periodicals are within easy reach of all our Baptist people.

We feel called upon to recommend especially the Southern Baptist Record, which has been our State organ for 15 years. Its field has been Mississippi, and it has tilled its field well. It has borne the best of fruits, and its readers cannot afford to do without its valuable and timely articles.

It will be a happy day for Mississippi Baptists when this paper finds its way into every home. If we look abroad on the line of Missions, we would most heartily recommend the Foreign Mission Journal, published at Richmond, Va., and we would most earnestly ask that our brethren make a special effort for its circulation in our midst.

At home, we would recommend our Convention Board Quarterly, published at Jackson, Miss., so ably edited by Brother Christian. Also Our Home Field, published at Atlanta, Ga.

We also recommend as worthy of our patronage the Baptist Book House at Jackson, Miss. The aim and object of this house is to dissiminate Baptist literature.

We would recommend to the patronage of our Sunday Schools, the Kind Words series.

But above all we would recommend the Bible.

Respectfully submitted,

D. H. S. COX,
T. R. GODBOLD,
W. W. BRASHEARS.

D. H. S. Cox and J. A. Hackett discussed the report and it was adopted.

56. J. A. Burris read the

REPORT ON FINANCE.

Your Committee on Finance would report that we have received from the various churches the following amounts, and paid the same into the hands of the Treasurer.

Associational Fund	$85 95
Missions	27 60
State Missions,	6 50
Ministerial Education,	2 60
Foreign Missions for E. Z. Simmins,	10 00

SABBATH COLLECTIONS.

Ministerial Education,	14 10
Missions,	6 70
W. P. Gardner for Ministerial Education,	5 00

We have examined the Treasurer's report and vouchers, and find the same correct.

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. BURRIS,
T. J. J. SPULOCK,
W. P. C. STEWART.

The report was adopted.

57. Adjourned with prayer by L. Ball.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

58. The Association re-assembled at 1 o'clock P. M. and was lead in prayer by H. I. Weathersby.

59. W. P. Gardner read the

TREASURER'S REPORT.

W. P. GARDNER, Treasurer,

In acc't with the Mississippi Bap. Asso'n.

October 1, 1891. DR.

Balance on hand from last Association		
For Mattie Cook education fund	$ 5	75
" Delegate fund to Southern Baptist Con	1	40
" State Missions	19	40
" College endowment	2	50
" Home Missions	13	30
" Foreign Missions	63	65
" Associational purposes	93	75
" Missions	130	95
" Sustentation	20	10
Total	350	80
Received during the year		
For State Missions	$ 22	50
" College Endowment	2	25
" Home Missions	2	00
" Ministerial Education	10	85
" Foreign Missions	55	10
" Missions	33	35
" Sustentation	33	85
" Prohibition	10	40
Total	170	30
Grand total	521	15

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid to J. T. Christian	
" State Missions	$22 90
" College Endowment	4 75
" Home Missions	13 20
" Ministerial Education	10 85
" Foreign Missions	99 15
Paid J. P. Hemby, Clerk,	25 00
" J. B. Gambrell & Sons, printing minutes	66 65
" J. T. Christian, for missions	154 20
" Elder Peter Turner, Sustentation	38 55
" Miss Florence Tucker, Sustentation	6 70
" J. H. Gambrell, for prohibition	10 40
Total	459 05
Balance on hand	
For Mattie Cook Education	5 75
" Delegate fund Southern Baptist Con.	1 40
" State Missions	19 00
" Home Missions	2 00
" Foreign Missions	19 60
" Associational fund	2 10
" Missions	10 10
" Sustentation	2 00
Total	61 95

60. The committee to whom a memorial from Mt. Zion church was referred, made their report, and after discussion by H. I. Weathersby and J. P. Hemby, the report was recommitted with the following brethren added to the committee: E. B. McLain, D. A. Given and W. W. Brashears.

61. D. H. Cox read the

REPORT ON MISSISSIPPI COLLEGE.

Mississippi College is the property of Mississippi Baptists It is theirs in law, and in fee simple, and theirs in the providences of God. It was established to promote the glory of God, and to be an instrument for dissiminating the truth, and if we are to judge from the past, it is worthy of our confidence and support. From year to year it has a long roll of students who are being educated for the ministry, and it continues to bear such upon its roll of students. We desire to emphasize the fact that the College needs the prayers, patronage and contributions of our churches that the end for which it was established may be secured.

In the Faculty's report to the Board of Trustees at its last meeting, says: "It affords us pleasure to state that the educational work of the College during the past year has progressed with a good degree of satisfaction."

The same reports further state: "that a most wholesome influence has been exerted upon the body of our students by the protracted meeting held in the College Chapel during the early part of the session under the direction of brethren Christian and Ball. Salvation through Christ is more important than any possible mental training they may secure in College.

If we desire continued prosperity to the College, we must not 'lag superfluous on the stage.' The times demand bold and energetic movements directed by true wisdom. The College that strikes out for 'fresh fields and pastures new' in these times, is the College that will be likely to win the respect and patronage of the people. Not to go forward (and still worse, to go

backward,) is to give the race to our competitors. To retrench our teaching force in order to bring expenses down to income, would be a step backward and would be sure to work great harm to the College. We must in some way bring our income up to expenses. That is the problem to be solved. Can it be done? If it cannot, we might as well surrender. If we cannot raise $10,000 a year for the support of the College, it seems to us, we shall have to aim at something lower than a College. Because it has been done in the past is no reason why it can be done now. Conditions have changed. We have new competitors and new environments. Can we meet the changed conditions? We must meet them or give place to those who stand ready to snatch victory from our grasp. Going backward will not bring expenses down to income, nor will it bring income up to expenses. It may diminish expenses, but it will diminish income as well. We now have a firm grasp on the public confidence; let us pursue no course that will forfeit that confidence. Our only hope is to move forward and thus retain what we already hold and capture what we do not yet possess. We can but fail if we go forward; we shall be sure to fail in spite of past successes, if we stand still or go backward."

The obligation is upon us all who can do so, as well as upon a few, to support our College; for it is from her walls our best educated men are sent out, who are called of God from time to time from the poor to proclaim the Gospel.

Respectfully submitted,

D. H. S. COX,
J. F. PORTER,
W. F. JONES.

62. Geo. M. Cain offered the following

AMENDMENT.

to the report, which was unanimously adopted:

Whereas, the removal of the Mississippi College has been raised by the Mississippi Baptist State Convention, theretore

Be it resolved, That in our opinion the removal of the Mississippi College would be unwise, and we request that it remain at Clinton, Miss.

After discussion by C. H. Otken, L. Ball and J. A Hackett the report was adopted as amended.

CORRESPONDING MESSENGERS

were appointed as follows:

To Union Association—J. P. Hemby and E. T. Smith.

To Boguechitto Association—S. R. Young, D. H. S. Cox, R. J. Stewart, C. H. Otken and D. A. Given.

To Homochitto (Col.) Association—D. H. S. Cox, S. R. Young, T. R. Godbold and G. M. Cain.

To Mississippi River Association—Geo. F. Webb, C. H. Otken, C. A. Young, S. H. Thompson and D. A. Given.

To Carey Association—D. H. S. Cox, S. H. Thompson and J. P. Hemby.

To State Convention—W. P. Gardner, C. H. Otken, J. P. Hemby, R. J. Stewart, S. R. Young, E. T. Smith, P. P. McCoy and S. T. Van Norman.

To Genaral Sunday School Donvention of this Association—T. R. Godbold, Geo. F. Webb, J. P. Hemby, C. A. Young, H. I. Weathersby and J. F. Porter.

To Mississippi College—C H. Otken, R. B. Thompson and E. B. McLain.

To Fair River Association—Chas. H. Otken, G. M. Cain and S. R. Young.

64. The various appeals to this body for financial assistance were referred to the Executive Board.

65. The matter of employing a Sunday School colporteur was also referred to the Executive Board.

66. The Clerk was instructed to procure blank Associational letters and furnish the churches; and call on the Treasurer for money to pay for same.

67. D. H. S. Cox was elected delegate to the Southern Baptist Convention.

68. The Association adopted the following

RESOLUTION.

By G. M. Cain.

Resolved, That we extend our thanks to this church and the citizens of Gloster for the hospitable and courteous entertainment of this Association.

By H. L. Weathersby.

Resolved, That the Clerk of this Asssociation publish our minutes. and that he shall have $25.00 for his services.

79. The committee to whom the memorial from Mt. Zion church was recommitted, reported as follows:

THE MEMORIAL.

We ask your attention to the encouragement of the Board of Directors of the South Mississippi Fair Association on page 6, Section 2, where they publish that there are evils connected with fairs; when the Bible teaches us that we should "abstain from all appearance of evil."

We have reason to believe that ministers of the Gospel are encouraging such gambling fairs by owning stock or shares in them, while others aid and abet such action by public extolling them for so doing, thus leading astray members of churches by their example in causing them to own stock or shares, or hold office in such fairs.

With these facts standing in the face of God's law as a menace to the spirituality and fellowship of the churches composing this Association, we urge that you withdraw the hand of fellowship from all churches retaining such ministers or members in their fellowship.

We further urge that you counsel the churches that they specially guard their pulpits against such ministers of the gospel, seeing they fall far short of the Bible injunctions to ministers of God's word.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE.

1st. Your committee is of the opinion that it is the duty of the Association to withdraw from any church that tolerates immoral practices in her members, whether ministers or laymen.

2nd. But we cannot recommend action by the Association in reference to any church upon vague and indefinite intimations, but would recommend that if any church in the Association has cause to complain of a sister church, that she give the name of such church and specify the improper action of the minister of the gospel or members of the church offending.

3rd. It is the judgement of your Committee that gambling at fairs or elsewhere is an evil and a sin and should be discouraged; and if churches are charged and

convicted of tolerating such practices, it is the duty of the Association to withdraw the hand of fellowship from such church or churches.

W. H. ROBERT,
D. A. GIVEN,
E. B. McLAIN,
W. W. BRASHEARS.

70. W. P. Gardner offered, and the Association unanimously adopted the following

RESOLUTION.

WHEREAS, The good people of Louisiana are now making a heroic struggle against the perpetuation of the great Louisiana Lottery swindle, and

WHEREAS, It is an evil that seeks to invade and corrupt all society, religion and good order; therefore,

Resolved, That we pledge our sympathy, prayers and most hearty co-operation as individual and Christian citizens to the people of that State in their efforts to break the power and drive out this great public iniquity.

71. The Clerk was instructed to send copies of this resolution to the Baptist Chronicle, Ruston, La.; the New Orleans Christian Advocate and the New Delta, New Orleans, La., and the Southern Baptist Record, Meridian, Miss.

72. The Association requested the churches to pay a balance due J. P. Hemby on expenses of his trip to the Southern Baptist Convention last May.

73. On motion, the matter of raising an amount sufficient to pay the delegate's expenses to the Southern Baptist Convention next May, was referred to the Executive Board.

74. After taking the parting hand, and prayer led by W. Z. Lea, the Association adjourned to meet with the McComb City church on Friday at 10 o'clock A. M., October 7, 1892.

R. J. STEWART, Moderator.

J. P. HEMBY, Clerk.

ARTICLES OF FAITH, RULES, ETC.

1. We believe in only one true living God, and that there is a trinity in persons in the God-head—the Father, the Son, the Holy Ghost, the same in essence, equal in power and glory.

2. We believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments were given by the inspiration of God, are of Divine authority, and the only rule of faith and practice.

3. We believe in the fall of Adam, in the imputation of his sins to all his posterity, in the total depravity of human nature, and in man's inability to restore himself to the favor of God.

4. We believe in the everlasting love of God to his people, in the eternal, unconditional election of a definite number of the human family to grace and glory.

5. We believe that sinners are only justified, in the sight of God, by the imputed righteousness of Jesus Christ, which is unto all and upon all them that believe.

6. We believe all those who were chosen in Christ, before the foundation of the world, are, in time, effectually called, regenerated, converted and sanctified; and are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation.

7. We believe there is one Mediator between God and men—the man Christ Jesus, who, by the satisfaction He made to law and justice, in becoming an offering for sin, hath, by His most precious blood, redeemed the elect from under the curse of the law that they might be holy and without blame before Him in love.

8. We believe that good works are the fruits of faith, and follow after justification, are evidences of a gracious state; and that it is the duty of all believers to perform them from a principle of love.

9. We believe in the resurrection of the dead, and a general judgment; that the happiness of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked will be everlasting.

Gospel Order.

1. We believe that the visible church of Jesus Christ is a congregation of faithful persons, who have given themselves up to the Lord and to one another, and have covenanted to keep up a godly discipline, agreeable to the rules of the gospel.

2. We believe that Jesus Christ is the Head of the church—the only Lawgiver—and the government is with the body of the church and is equally the right and privilege of each member thereof.

3. We believe that Baptism and the Lord's Supper are the gospel ordinances appointed by Jesus Christ, and are to be continued in the church.

4. We believe that Baptism by immersion is the only Scriptural mode, and that believers are the only proper subjects.

5. We believe that none but regularly baptized church members have a right to partake of the Lord's Supper.

6. We believe it to be the duty and privilege of all believers to make a public profession of their faith, to submit to baptism by immersion and to give themselves as members to the visible church.

7. We believe it to be the duty of every organized church to expel from her communion all disorderly members who are immoral to their lives, or hold doctrines contrary to Scripture.

Rules of Decorum.

1. Those delegates who are regularly chosen by the churches of our Union shall compose this Association.

2. The delegates so chosen shall produce letters from their respective churches certifying their appointment together with the number in fellowship, those baptized, received by letter, restored, dismissed, excommunicated and dead since the last Association.

3. Delegates thus chosen and convened shall be denominated the "Mississippi Baptist Association."

4 The Association shall have a Moderator and Clerk, who shall be chosen by the members present.

5. If new churches desire to be admitted into the Union they shall petition by letter and delegates. If on examination, found orthodox and orderly, they shall be received by the Association, manifested by the Moderator giving their delegates the right hand of fellowship.

6. No church in the Union shall have a right to more than two delegates until she shall exceed one hundred members; then she shall have a right to an additional delegate for every fifty.

7. Every query sent to the Association by any church in the Union shall be read and put to a vote by the Moderator whether it shall be debated, and if there shall be a majority for it, it shall be taken up and investigated; provided, always, that those be first considered which affect the Union of the churches.

8. Every motion made and seconded shall be taken up by the Association, except it be withdrawn by the person who made it.

9. Only one person shall speak at once, who shall rise from his seat and address the Moderator.

10. The person thus speaking shall not be interrupted except he depart from the subject, break the Rules of Decorum, or cast reflections on a brother, in which case he shall be immediately called to order by the Moderator.

11. No person shall speak more than twice on the subject without leave of the Association.

12. No brother shall be suffered to whisper or laugh during the Conference, neither shall he absent himself without leave of the Moderator.

13. The Moderator shall have the liberty of speaking on any question that may be debated; provided, the chair may be previously filled, and have the privilege of voting only when the Association is equally divided.

14. The names of the delegates shall be enrolled by the Clerk and called over as often as the Association may deem expedient.

15. We think it absolutely necessary to have an Associational fund for defraying the expenses of the same, for the raising and supporting of which we think it the duty of each church in the Union to contribute such sums as it may think proper, and send them by their delegates to the Association, and the moneys thus contributed by the churches shall be deposited in the hands of the Treasurer, by the Association appointed, who shall be accountable to the Association for all the money by him received and paid out according to the direction of the same.

16. The minutes of the Association shall be read, and corrected if necessary, and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the Association rises.

17. These Rules of Decorum and Gospel Order may be altered, changed or amended from time to time, or any part of them, when a majority of all the churches in the Association shall deem it necessary, but the Articles of Faith shall not be subject to any alterations, only as respect form.

Powers of the Association.

1. It shall be the business of this Association to provide for the general Union of the churches.

2. To keep up a friendly correspondence, when convenient with other Associations of the same faith and order.

3. This Association shall have no power to lord it over God's heritage, nor infringe upon any of the internal rights of the churches.

4. It shall be the duty of the Association to give the churches the best advice in its power in difficult matters; to inquire into any difficulties which may exist between sister churches and remove them if possible.

5. To admit any of the brethren in the ministry as associates, but not to give them the privilege of voting.

6. This Association shall have the power to withdraw from any church in the Union, which may be unsound in principle or immoral in practice until reclaimed.

7. To appoint any person or persons, by and with their consent, to transact any business which the Association may deem necessary.

8. The Association shall have the power to adjourn to any time or place they may think proper.

9. The Association shall be opened and closed with prayer.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	Increased.			Decrs'd.			Membership.			
	Baptism.	Letter.	Restored.	Letter.	Exclusion.	Death.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Number of Minutes.
Bethel	2	9		6	3	1				25
Bethlehem		1					9	17	26	12
Concord	16	17				1			97	30
East Fork	11	28	1	16	3	4			290	50
Ebenezer	6	7	2	3		2			123	30
Galilee	7	15	1	4	3	6	104	131	235	50
Hebron		4		7						15
Hopewell	6			1		1			69	25
Liberty	5	1	2	8		2			184	40
Mars Hill	5	5	2	10	1	1			203	50
McComb City	20	50		6		5			233	50
Mount Zion	8			32	1	2			222	60
Mt. Pleasant, Franklin Co	2	6		1	4				34	10
*Mt. Pleasant, Amite Co	1	1					6	8	16	12
Mt. Vernon		1	1	6		1			99	20
*Mt. Olive									30	20
New Hope, Franklin Co	3	2	2			1			60	15
New Hope, Amite Co	1						11	16	27	12
New Providence	4			3	5				102	40
New Salem	3	4	1	5		1			32	15
New Zion	11	1	3	2	7	2	37	39	76	30
Ramah	3	1	3	19		1			148	30
Sarepta	10	6	11		12				144	35
Siloam	11	6		4		1	34	47	81	20
Summit	12	6		3					150	25
Zion Hill	4		2	10	2	5			139	30
Total	151	171	31	155	43	37	201	258	2820	751

*Received at this session.

The reports in the letters were so incomplete that it was impossible to get accurate statistics.

Financial Statement

Number of Minutes.	Total.	Females.
25	26	17
12	12	
30	97	131
50	290	
30	123	
50	235	
15	69	
25	184	
40	203	
50	233	
60	222	
10	34	8
12	16	
20	99	
20	30	
35	60	
12	27	16
40	102	
18	32	
30	76	39
30	148	
35	144	7
20	81	
25	150	
30	139	
751	2820	

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Financial Statement.

Churches.	Pastor's Salary.	Ass'nl Fund.	Miss'ns.	State Miss'ns.	Home Miss'ns	Foreign Miss'ns.	College Endmnt	Bldn'g and Repairs	Other Objects	Minst'l Help.	Total.
Bethel	$	$ 3 00	$ 9 00	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$ 12 00
Bethlehem	120 00	2 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	10 60	.....	.....	13 00	146 10
Concord	150 00	3 50	12 40	.....	.....	.....	.....	52 00	10 25	18 00	246 15
East Fork	.....	6 00	41 40	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	517 65	.....	565 05
Ebenezer	.....	5 00	19 55	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	111 90	.....	136 45
Galilee	500 00	5 00	38 45	12 00	2 30	37 45	111 20	3312 25	52 00	100 00	4170 65
Hebron	.....	2 50	.....	.....	.....	18 00	.....	.....	.....	13 00	33 50
Hopewell	100 00	3 00	41 70	.....	.....	.....	15 00	.....	.....	22 10	181 80
Liberty	200 00	5 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	12 00	217 60
Mars Hill	350 00	5 00	63 55	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	34 20	.....	452 75
McComb City	600 00	5 00	78 00	.....	.....	.....	75 00	.....	.....	170 00	928 00
Mt. Zion	300 00	6 00	42 80	.....	.....	.....	36 25	.....	101 25	56 00	542 30
Mt. Plsnt, Fr'klin Co.	.....	1 50	.....	.....	2 70	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4 20
Mt. Pl'snt, Amite Co.	.....	2 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 00
Mt. Vernon	100 00	3 50	10 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	6 50	120 00
Mt. Olive	.....	2 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 50
New Hope, Fr'klin Co.	50 00	2 50	.....	1 00	2 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	56 00
New Hope, Amite Co.	.....	1 40	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 40
New Providence	.....	4 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4 00
New Salem	.....	1 50	3 10	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4 60
New Zion	150 00	3 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	174 80
Ramah	75 00	3 00	2 10	.....	.....	.....	9 30	.....	.....	12 50	80 10
Sarepta	.....	3 50	5 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	9 00
Siloam	.....	2 00	2 95	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4 95
Summit	.....	2 50	63 80	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	166 30
Zion Hill	200 00	4 00	2 40	.....	.....	.....	100 00	.....	.....	.....	210 40
							4 00	.....	.....	8 00	
Total	2895 00	$ 88 40	$ 436 70	$ 13 00	$ 7 50	$ 55 45	$ 361 35	$3364 25	$ 827 25	$ 431 10	$8472 00

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Sunday-School Statistics.

SCHOOLS.	No. Officers.	No. Teachers.	No. Pupils.	Foreign Missions.	Home Uses.
Bethlehem	2	2	20	$.....	$.....
Galilee	4	8	160	10 10	30 90
Mars Hill			100	.....	.....
Mount Vernon			75	.....	.....
New Providence	1	3	20	.....	.....
New Zion	3	3	37	.....	3 50
Zion Hill	2	4	31	.....	.....
Total	12	20	443	$10 10	$34 40

Exhibit of Woman's Works.

SOCIETIES.	Missions.	State Missions.	Foreign Missions.	College Endowment.	Building and Repairs.	Total.
Galilee	$.....	$ 7 00	$36 25	$25 00	$ 106 00	$ 174 25
Liberty	25 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	25 00
Total	$25 00	$7 00	$36 25	$25 00	$ 106 00	$ 199 25

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